

## STOCKS OPEN ACTIVE, ADVANCES GENERAL

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### LONDON'S GOOD INFLUENCE

Entire Railroad List Shows Healthy Tone and Much in Demand—Steel and Copper Trading Heavy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The Stock Market opened fairly active and with advances ranging from one-fourth to one-half point, commonly scored throughout the list. Interest also was again well distributed throughout the market.

There were no actual developments of great moment over night calculated to influence speculative sentiment and, in fact, there was increased discussion with regard to the probability of an early export movement of gold. On the other hand, the market showed in the early dealing a decided falling off in liquidation and this led the room traders to cover their short contracts and make fresh features on the long side.

London's influence was favorable also, American stocks being shown at advances in that market, and moderate buying for foreign account was observed here when business opened.

Active features of the railway list were Missouri Pacific, St. Paul, Union Pacific, Norfolk and Western, and Reading. The U. S. Steel shares were firm on fairly large transactions and Amalgamated Copper rallied in sympathy with the general market.

Manhattan Railway was the only active feature of the local traction stocks and showed the same firm tone that has attended the dealings in that security for some time past.

### BUCKET SHOP MAGNATE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Kansas City Courts Hold That C. C. Christie Must Abide by Revenue Laws and Pay Tax.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7.—C. C. Christie, president of the Christie Grain and Stock Company, which is styled the biggest bucket shop concern in the country, has been indicted by a Federal grand jury in order to test the revenue law providing for the payment of 2 cents on every \$100 in grain transactions.

The Christie company has branches all over the Southwest and it insisted that it should not be compelled to pay the tax at both the main and branch offices, making a charge of 4 cents on each \$100.

Commissioner Yerkes declared that this double tax must be paid and the company's refusal to comply with the order has resulted in the indictment.

### MOTHER AND SON WENT DOWN IN SAME WRECK

Supreme Court Called Upon in Will Case to Decide Which Succumbed First.

The United States Supreme Court is called upon to decide the interesting question of the priority of death of two persons drowned in one wreck. The case is that of Mrs. Sophia Rhodes, formerly of Hutchinson, Kan., who, with her son, Eugene Rhodes, went down with the Elbe in 1895. Just before sailing Mrs. Rhodes made a will in which she left all of her property to her son, Eugene, with the proviso that in the event of his death the property should go to the Women's Christian Home of this city.

The relatives of the young man asserted that as he was a good swimmer he must naturally have survived his mother for a time, and that therefore he died intestate, and the property should go to the next of kin. This is contested by the Women's Christian Home. Arguments were heard in the case yesterday in the Supreme Court. It is the first case of its kind the Court has ever been called upon to decide.

### ONE OF SYDNEY SMITH'S JOKES.

Sydney Smith jokes have a delicate flavor of age, but an anecdote in "Memories of Half a Century" has not been told so often as some of the classic tales. Sydney was a guest at the dinner of an archdeacon, and a fellow-guest, whose hobby was natural history, was a bore, if once started on his subject. Smith promised to try to keep him in check. The naturalist got his opening. "Mr. Archdeacon," said he, "have you seen the pamphlet written by my friend, Prof. Dickinson, on the remarkable size of the eye in a common house-fly?"

The archdeacon courteously said he had not. The bore pursued his advantage.

"I can assure you it is a most interesting pamphlet, setting forth particulars hitherto unobserved as to the unusual size of that eye."

"I deny the fact!" said a voice from the other end of the table. All smiled save the bore.

"You deny the fact, sir?" said he. "May I ask on what authority you condemn the investigations of my most learned friend?"

"I deny the fact," replied Smith, "and I base my denial on evidence wedged to me by his knowledge most reliable. In handling medicine this is especially true, as people desire the prevention of the disease and not the cure of it."

"I will, sir. The evidence is those well-known, I may say immortal, lines: 'Who saw him die?'"

"I said the fly."

The guests roared, and during the rest of the dinner nothing further was heard on the subject of natural history.

The Secret of a Successful Merchant.

The success of a merchant depends largely upon his ability to please his customers. In order to do so he must be able to give them what they want, and to give them what they want is the secret of a successful merchant.

## RUBBER TRUST WARS ORGANIZED LABOR

Chicago Employees of the Morgan & Wright Company Go Out on Strike.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—War on organized labor is said to have been declared by the Rubber Trust. Six hundred employees of the Morgan & Wright Company went on strike this morning, and the fight promises to be a bitter one, as the teamsters, engineers, firemen, and other trades will assist the rubber workers. The immediate cause of the present trouble is the alleged failure of the company to carry out the contract it entered into a week ago, to re-instate certain employees and give preference to old employees when a lay-off was found necessary.

The rubber workers employed by the local branch of the trust went on strike ten days ago because of alleged discrimination against high-priced employees in favor of cheaper men. The strikers returned to work after being out one day on a proposition that the difference should be arbitrated.

When arrangements had been made

### THE SCHLEYS TO LIVE IN THIS CITY THIS WINTER

Naval Officer Tells of Their Southern Tour.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley, who returned from their tour of the South yesterday, will remain here the greater part of the winter. Mrs. Schley is suffering from a severe cold.

Admiral Schley was greatly surprised at the manner in which Galveston has rallied from its terrible storm disaster. "They are raising the entire city," he said, "and reconstructing a giant sea wall, which will cost \$3,000,000," he said at the Hotel Richmond this morning.

As to his tour through Texas, he said: "We lived in a continual shower of flowers. From the time we entered the State until we sailed for New York, the ovation continued."

"The Texans treated us royally, and my only regret is that we could not remain longer in the State."

The admiral brought back with him from Texas many rich and costly gifts including a handsome loving cup presented to him by the citizens of Dallas. The cup was appropriately inscribed.

### FOOTPADS TERRORIZE CHESTER SUBURBANITES

CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 7.—The people of the eastern end of Delaware county have become thoroughly alarmed over the numerous highway robberies and burglaries that have taken place recently. Mrs. J. L. Topaz, of Sharon Hill, was knocked down by a negro yesterday on the Chester Pike near Oak Lane because she told him that she had no money after he had demanded her pocketbook. The assailant escaped.

The same day the residence of Harry Roden, at Colwyn, was entered in daylight and robbed of two gold watches, three rings, some women's clothing, and nearly all of Mr. Roden's cash. Horace Eastlake, of Glenolden, was held up by a footpad on the Chester Pike close to the spot at which the negro attacked Mrs. Topaz, and was robbed of his cash.

### VOLCANO OF COLIMA UNUSUALLY ACTIVE

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 7.—An American mining prospector who has arrived from the vicinity of the volcano of Colima says it is in unusual activity.

During the day the crater sends forth dense smoke. At night the glow of incandescent fire lights up the sky in reflection from a funnel-shaped cloud, continually ascending. At times there are sharp, irregular explosions and red-hot stones are thrown to a great height.

### W. R. HEARST IN TOWN.

W. R. Hearst, who has just been elected from the old Eleventh district of New York, arrived in Washington last night, and is a guest at the Normandie Hotel. Mr. Hearst denied himself to reporters, saying that he was tired from the result of the campaign, and that he came to Washington for a couple of days' rest. Mr. Hearst has as his guests, Mrs. A. Wilson and daughter, and Mrs. Torrey.

### S. Q. G. CLUB DANCE.

The first dance of the season of the S. Q. G. Club, an organization of young ladies, was given at the Loudoun, on East Capitol Street, last night. Besides the members of the club and their escorts a number of invited guests were present. The members of the club present were Misses Randall, Hindmarsh, Hurley, Van Aiken, Bessie Pearson, Lillian Pearson, Block, Waters, Cristie, Sigourney, Hollister, Dickenson, Schultz, Tibbitts, Eversman, and Watson.

### PETRIFIED BONES IN MOJAVE DESERT.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The vertebrae of an extinct animal forty-five feet in length were found on the desert the other day by a prospector party headed by Assayer Charles LeStrange and his partner, John A. Bowers. The bones are petrified, and in joints of a foot in length, each weighing twenty to twenty-five pounds. The vertebrae are in some respects similar to those found in the same locality, about twelve miles from Barstow, two years ago. At that time the sea once covered the entire region now known as the Mojave Desert. State Mineralogist Stephen Bowers has gone to the place to investigate the bones.

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